

# HEALTH REGULATIONS

All vendors are required to comply at all times with applicable city, county, state, and federal health regulations. The Farmers Market Manager will keep copies of all necessary permits and licenses on file for each vendor. Vendors are responsible for submitting current documentation to Old Katy Farmers Market and maintaining copies at their booth for inspection by government officials.

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# MARKET OPERATIONS

1. The market operates year-round, rain or shine (**see Inclement Weather definition**). Market hours are **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Vendors must be **fully set up before the market opens at 9:00 a.m.**

All vendors must be completely set up and ready for customers by 9:00 a.m. Vendors who arrive late may not be permitted to set up, at the discretion of market management.

2. Vendors must sign a **Hold Harmless Agreement** prior to participation.
3. A standard tent space is **10 feet by 10 feet**. Vendors may request additional spaces if their product volume justifies it and space is available. Requests must be submitted in advance, and additional fees will apply.
4. Booth assignments are made by the Farmers Market Manager.
5. Reasonable accommodations may be made for vendor needs.

Access to electricity is available for a **\$10 fee per 10' x 10'** tent space.

6. Vendors must comply with all regulations related to the handling, sale, and distribution of food products.

7. Prepared and packaged food items must be labeled in accordance with State of Texas requirements, including:
  1. Product name
  2. Producer's name and address
  3. Complete list of ingredients in descending order by weight
  4. Net quantity or weight
8. Reselling is strictly prohibited. Vendors may only sell items they have personally grown, raised, or produced.
9. Vendors must keep their booth area clean, safe, and free of hazards. At the close of the market, all trash and debris must be removed and disposed of off-site.
10. Vendors are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner toward customers, staff, volunteers, and fellow vendors.
11. Loud, disruptive, or aggressive promotion is not permitted.
12. Smoking, alcohol consumption, and illegal drug use are prohibited on market grounds.
13. Vendors must remain set up until the official closing time, **even if they are sold out of products**.
14. Vendors are responsible for supplying their own tents, tent weights, and tables.
15. Vendors must provide at least **24 hours notice** if they are unable to attend a scheduled market.
16. Vendors should be prepared to operate in all weather conditions.
17. Vendors may not slander, defame, or otherwise damage the reputation of Old Katy Farmers Market in any verbal, written, or electronic communication. The market maintains a zero-tolerance policy and reserves the right to revoke vendor participation for violations.

18. Vendors are **NOT PERMITTED** to solicit business outside or inside **Katy Beer Garden**.

## **NON-COMPLIANCE**

Failure to follow market rules may result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the Farmers Market Manager, including suspension or termination of participation.

*Please be sure to list all the items you plan to sell on your application. This helps us keep a good balance of products at the market and avoid too much overlap between vendors. Once approved, we ask that you stick to the items and product category listed on your application. Vendors are required to keep their product offerings within their approved category and may not expand into unrelated product types.*

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep the market diverse and fair for everyone!

## **Inclement Weather Definitions & Thresholds**

- **High Winds/Wind Gusts:** Often defined as sustained winds over 18-20 MPH or gusts exceeding 30-40 MPH, which can cause tents to become airborne.
- **Lightning:** Immediate or predicted lightning in the area is a standard trigger for closure.
- **Severe Storm Warnings:** Tornado warnings, severe thunderstorm warnings, or flash flood warnings.

- **Frozen Precipitation:** Ice, freezing rain, or heavy snow that creates dangerous travel conditions or unsafe walking surfaces.